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VIRTUALIZATION  
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Following is a First Preliminary Amendment dated March 15, 2005 for the above-identified application.

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## PATENT APPLICATION

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## FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to the initial review of the above-identified patent application by the Examiner, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

*Amendments to the Claims* begin on page 2 of this paper.

*Remarks* begin on page 6 of this paper.